

Elk Neck State Forest Shooting Range Update

COVID-19 Reopening

May 7, 2020

As per Governor Hogan's amended stay-at-home order, the shooting ranges at Elk Neck State Forest have been reopened as of Thursday May 7, 2020. The following is important information for our visitors with changes in operation due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

- To facilitate social distancing, every other shooting lane is closed.
- Maximum shooting capacity for the rifle range will be **six (6)** persons.
- Maximum shooting capacity for the pistol range will be **six (6)** persons.
- Maximum visitor total occupancy for either firing range pavilion will be **ten (10)** persons.
- Maximum number of persons permitted on skeet stations will be **two (2)** persons per station.
- There will be designated waiting positions to the rear of the rifle range pavilion spaced six feet apart, personnel waiting in these areas need to maintain safe social distancing.
- If both the pavilions and waiting area are at capacity, visitors must remain in the parking area near their vehicle and practice safe social distancing.
- Individual groups of visitors may not exceed **ten (10)** persons.
- Visitors are asked to please check on availability of either shooting stations or waiting space prior to paying the daily admission. You still must possess a valid daily permit to use the ranges.
- All offices and restrooms at Elk Neck State Forest will remain closed at this time.
- **A one (1) hour time limit** will be in place if visitors are waiting in line for available shooting stations
- Yearly permits will not be available at the forest as long as the COVID-19 State of Emergency is in place. Yearly permits may be purchased through COMPASS or at any Sport Retail License Agent.
- The possibility of an extended closure of the Rifle and Shotgun Ranges in the near future for extensive concrete surface repairs does exist. Please keep this in mind when deciding to purchase yearly passes and we apologize for any inconvenience.